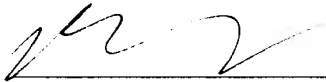


respectfully requests that claims 20-23 be rejoined with the allowed claims, and since claims 20-23 must also now be allowable, that the entire application be passed to issue.

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IN THE SPECIFICATION

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IN THE CLAIMS

18. (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the amount of metal in the liquid metal carboxylate composition is [preferably] in the range of 30 to 50 grams of metal per kilogram of liquid metal carboxylate composition.

20. (Amended) A coated cutting tool comprising:

- (a) a metal or hard-alloy cutting tool, and
- (b) a coating comprising an oxidation product of metal carboxylate disposed on the cutting tool using the method of claim 1.